BEFORE THE INVESTIGATIVE PANEL OF THE FLORIDA JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE, NO. 00-211,

HOWARD C. BERMAN

CASE NO.: SC00-2491

REQUEST BY JQC TO FILE MOTION IN LIMINE UNDER SEAL

COMES NOW, the Judicial Qualifications Commission through its undersigned Special

Counsel and requests that the Motion in Limine of the JQC for Order Protecting Witnesses From

Harassment attached hereto be filed under seal and states as follows:

1. The purpose of the Motion is to protect certain witnesses from harassment and

embarrassment. It is necessary therein to set out the nature of evidence sought by Judge Berman.

2. It would defeat the purpose of the Motion in Limine, i.e., protecting the witnesses

from publication of allegations which are scandalous and unproved, if the Motion in Limine were

placed in the public file.

WHEREFORE, the Judicial Qualifications Commission requests that the attached Motion

in Limine of the JQC for Order Protecting Witnesses From Harassment, any responses thereto and

Order thereon be filed under seal.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been delivered by

facsimile and by U.S. Mail to: The Honorable James Jorgenson, Chair, Hearing Panel, Florida

Judicial Qualifications Commission, Mount Vernon Square, 1110 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee,

Florida 32303; Thomas C. MacDonald, Jr., Esquire, Cook, Bell & MacDonald Mediation Group,

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